

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**Meeting of Humanities Panel**

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David C. Fisher, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meeting is for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meeting will consider information that is likely to disclose: (1) Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; or (2) information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that this meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code..

1. *Date:* August 24-25, 1995.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: M-07.

Program: This meeting will review applications submitted to Humanities Projects in Libraries and Archives program during the July 15, 1995 deadline, submitted to the Division of Public Programs, for projects beginning after December 1, 1995.

David C. Fisher,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-456 and STN 50-457]

**Commonwealth Edison Company;
Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2;
Environmental Assessment and
Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee), for operating of Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Will County, Illinois.

Environmental Assessment*Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for Physical Protection of Licensed Activities in Nuclear Power Reactors Against Radiological Sabotage." The requested exemption would allow the implementation of a hand geometry biometric system of site access control in conjunction with photograph identification badges, and would allow the badges to be taken off site.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55(a), the licensee is required to establish and maintain an onsite physical protection system and security organization.

In 10 CFR 73.55(d), "Access Requirements," it specifies in part that "The licensee shall control all points of personnel and vehicle access into a protected area." In 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5), it specifies in part that "A numbered picture badge identification system shall be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escort." It further indicates that an individual not employed by the licensee (e.g., contractors) may be authorized access to protected areas without an escort provided the individual, "receives a picture badge upon entrance into the protected area which must be returned upon exit from the protected area."

Currently, unescorted access for both employee and contractor personnel into the Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, is controlled through the use of picture badges. Positive identification of personnel who are authorized and request access into the protected area is established by security personnel making a visual comparison of the

individual requesting access and that individual's picture badge. The picture badges are issued, stored, and retrieved at the entrance/exit location to the protected area. In accordance with 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5), contractor personnel are not allowed to take their picture badges off site. In addition, in accordance with the plant's physical security plan, the licensee's employees are also not allowed to take their picture badges off site. The licensee proposes to implement an alternative unescorted access control system which would eliminate the need to issue and retrieve picture badges at the entrance/exit location to the protected area. The proposal would also allow contractors who have unescorted access to keep their picture badges in their possession when departing the Braidwood site. In addition, the site security plans will be revised to allow implementation of the hand geometry system and to allow employees and contractors with unescorted access to keep their picture badges in their possession when leaving the Braidwood site.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action. In addition to their picture badges, all individuals with authorized unescorted access will have the physical characteristics of their hand (hand geometry) registered with their picture badge number in a computerized access control system. Therefore, all authorized individuals must not only have their picture badges to gain access into the protected area, but must also have their hand geometry confirmed.

All other access processes, including search function capability and access revocation, will remain the same. A security officer responsible for access control will continue to be positioned within a bullet-resistant structure. The proposed system is only for individuals with authorized unescorted access and will not be used for individuals requiring escorts.

The underlying purpose for requiring that individuals not employed by the licensee must receive and return their picture badges at the entrance/exit is to provide reasonable assurance that the access badges could not be compromised or stolen with a resulting risk that an unauthorized individual could potentially enter the protected area. Although the proposed exemption will allow individuals to take their picture badges off site, the proposed measures require not only that the picture badge be provided for access to the protected area, but also that

verification of the hand geometry registered with the badge be performed as discussed above. Thus, the proposed system provides an identity verification process that is equivalent to the existing process.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that the exemption to allow individuals not employed by the licensee to take their picture badges off site will not result in an increase in the risk that an unauthorized individual could potentially enter the protected area. Consequently, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed exemption does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. The principal alternative to the proposed action would be to deny the requested action. Denial of the requested action would not significantly enhance the environment in that the proposed action will result in a process that is equivalent to the existing identification verification process.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 19, 1995, the staffer consulted with the Illinois State Official, Mr. Mike Parker, Chief Reactor Safety Section; Division of Engineering; Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety; regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's letter dated May 22, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Wilmington Library, 201 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington, Illinois 60481.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of July 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ramin R. Assa,

Project Manager, Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Cancellation of Meeting

The 424th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards scheduled to be held on August 10-12, 1995, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland has been cancelled. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, December 28, 1994 (59 FR 66977).

For further information contact: Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief Nuclear Reactors Branch, (telephone 301-415-7364), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. EDT.

Dated: July 24, 1995.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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[Docket No. 50-458]

Entergy Operations, Inc., Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee) to withdraw its September 8, 1994, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-47 for the River Bend Station, Unit No. 1, located in West Feliciana Parish.

The proposed amendment would have revised the technical specifications pertaining to bypassing the rod withdrawal limiter notch constraints while performing fuel power suppression testing.

The Commission had previously issued a Consideration of Issuance of

Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on September 16, 1994 (59 FR 47652). However, by letter dated July 14, 1995, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 8, 1994, and the licensee's letter dated July 14, 1995, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Government Documents Department, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of July 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David L. Wigginton,

Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-1, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Notice Regarding the 1995 Annual GSP Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of the product petitions that are being accepted for consideration in the 1995 Annual GSP Review.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the acceptance of petitions that were filed in the 1995 Annual GSP Review requesting a modification in the list of articles that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Room 518, Washington, D.C. 20506. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GSP program grants duty-free treatment to designated eligible articles that are imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP program is authorized by Title V the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*), and was implemented by Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, and modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations. The GSP regulations provided for an annual GSP